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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING-EDUCATIONAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: CARACAS 10811

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH BFS SUBCOMMITTEE AND CIES STAFF. SUBCOMMITTEE EXPRESSED INTEREST BOTH PROJECTS BUT FELT MORE DETAILS NEEDED PARTICULARLY ON SECOND PROJECT BEFORE IT COULD OFFER MEANINGFUL COMMENT. NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF HUMAN SCIENCES PROJECT DID SEEM TO SUBCOMMITTEE TO OFFER A NUMBER OF POSSIBILITIES CONSISTENT WITH USUAL THRUST OF FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT RELATIONSHIP MINED AND NAVY IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECT TWO.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES SUBCOMMITTEE REACTION TO PROJECT ONE. WHILE WE ALSO INTERESTED OPEN LEARNING ASPECTS OF TWO, WE DO HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR LIMITED RESOURCES ON A PROJECT SO BROAD IN SCOPE AND WHICH ON THE FACE OF IT APPEARS TO BE MORE OF A TECHNICAL AID PROGRAM THAN THE TYPE OF EXCHANGE ENVISAGED UNDER THE AGREEMENT. CIES STAFF MADE SAME POINTS.

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3. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT OPEN UNIVERSITY OF GREAT

BRITAIN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOV REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OPEN LEARNING. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THAT ORGANIZATION WILL BE CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS AT IADB SPONSORED EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN CARACAS NEXT WEEK.

4. IF PROJECT TWO WHEN FINALLY PRESENTED IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION, WE WOULD LIKE AS FULL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING STATUS DELIVERY SYSTEMS GOV PLANS TO USE, METHODOLOGY THEY INTEND TO EMPLOY, MEANS THEY ENVISAGE USING FOR TRAINING TEACHERS OF TEACHERS, AND TIMING OF STAGE AT WHICH U.S. INPUT WILL BE NEEDED.

5. POST MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO DISCUSS PROJECT TWO WITH JEROME LORD OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND DR. BETTY JO MAYESKE OF UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WHO BOTH WILL BE IN CARACAS FOR IADB CONFERENCE. LORD HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN TEACHER TRAINING FIELD AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO OFFER USEFUL INFORMAL GUIDANCE. DR. MAYESKE IS HEAD OF UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND OPEN UNIVERSITY DIVISION, AND WILL BE SPEAKING TO CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 22. BOTH WILL BE STAYING AT CARACAS HILTON. ROBINSON

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